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EXAMINER

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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/367,433

**Applicant(s)**

ELEFThERiADiS ET AL.

**Examiner**

Jean W. Désir

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2003.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Escobar et al (US 5,826,102).

#### **Claim 1:**

The claimed limitation “receiving, over time, a plurality of audio-visual/video objects and composition information for the objects” is disclosed, see col. 4 lines 33-36, col. 6 lines 37-40;

the claimed limitation “storing in a cache memory at least one of the objects” is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 21-22;

the claimed limitation “composing scenes from said objects including the one of the objects stored in the cache memory” is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 41-45, col. 4 lines 16-18;

the claimed limitation “and displaying the composed scenes” is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 46-48.

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Claim 2 is inherent to Escobar's disclosure.

Claim 3 is disclosed, see col. 4 line 33.

Claim 4 is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 21-22.

Claim 5 is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 21-22, col. 4 line 33, col. 6 lines 41-45.

Claim 6 is disclosed, see col. 4 lines 34-36.

Claim 7 is inherent to Escobar's disclosure.

**Claim 8:**

The claimed limitation "a controller circuit for controlling acquisition over time of a plurality of audio-visual/video objects and composition information for the objects" is disclosed, see col. 4 lines 33-36, col. 6 lines 37-40;

the claimed limitation "a cache memory for storing at least one of the objects" is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 21-22;

the claimed limitation "a composer circuit, coupled to the cache memory, for composing scenes from said video objects including the one of the objects stored in the cache memory" is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 41-45, col. 4 lines 16-18;

the claimed limitation "and a display for the composed scene" is disclosed, see col. 6 lines 46-48.

**Claims 9, 10** are rejected for the same reasons as claim 8.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, filed on 12/18/03, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-10 under the 102(e) rejection mailed on 9/15/03, have been fully considered and are

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persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is presented above.


### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (703) 308 9571. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (703) 305 4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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**JWD**  
Mar. 21, 04

  
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